

Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for improving performance of wireless communications comprising:

a transmitter that is configured to produce a modulated data signal that includes an addition of one or more supplemental signals on a plurality of frequencies to an input data signal within a monocarrier channel employed to transmit the modulated data signal, the one or more supplemental signals each employing a different frequency that changes during each of a plurality of periods ~~thereby resulting into~~ to result in a time-varying frequency, wherein the time-varying frequency for each supplemental signal changes from one period to a subsequent period in a predetermined sequence of frequencies within the channel; and

a receiver that is configured to use the one or more supplemental signals to compute a frequency domain channel estimate for use in equalizing the channel during demodulation of the data signal.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein

the predetermined sequence spans frequencies within the channel to directly provide a frequency domain channel estimate.

4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein

the predetermined sequence is coordinated with a field sync within the modulated data signal.

5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein

the one or more supplemental signals are each transmitted with a power selected to avoid interference with demodulation of the data signal without reference to the one or more supplemental signals.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein

the time varying frequency cycles through a plurality of frequencies within the predetermined sequence at a rate sufficient to permit multiple channel estimates for a single field of the modulated data signal.

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the predetermined sequence is coordinated with a field sync within the modulated data signal, and

the one or more supplemental signals are each transmitted with a power selected to avoid interference with demodulation of the data signal without reference to the one or more supplemental signals.

8. (Previously presented) A transmitter for improved wireless communications comprising:

a symbol source producing a data signal;

a waveform generator producing a time-varying signal that changes frequency during each of a plurality of periods, wherein the frequency changes from one period to a subsequent period in a predetermined sequence of frequencies within a channel to be employed in transmitting the data, the time-varying signal being transmitted with a power selected to avoid interference with demodulation of the data signal without reference to the time-varying signal; and

a modulator producing a transmission signal from a sum of the data signal and the time-varying signal.

9. (Previously presented) The transmitter of claim 8, wherein
the predetermined sequence spans the channel to directly provide a frequency domain channel estimate.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously presented) The transmitter of claim 8, wherein
the time varying signal cycles through each of the frequencies within the predetermined sequence at a rate sufficient to permit multiple channel estimates for a single field of the data signal.
13. (Previously presented) The transmitter of claim 8, wherein:
the predetermined sequence is coordinated with a field sync within the data signal.
14. (Previously presented) The transmitter of claim 8, wherein
the time-varying signal is one of a plurality of time-varying signals each having a different frequency during a period and each changing frequency from one period to a subsequent period in the predetermined sequence of frequencies.

15. (Previously presented) A receiver for improved wireless communications comprising:

an equalizer performing channel equalization on a received signal utilizing a channel estimate; and

a coherent demodulator producing the channel estimate from the received signal and a time-varying signal corresponding to a portion of the received signal, wherein the time-varying signal changes frequency during each of a plurality of periods, wherein the frequency of the time-varying signal changes from one period to a subsequent period in a predetermined sequence of frequencies within a channel on which the received signal is received.

16. (Previously presented) The receiver of claim 15, including

a waveform generator producing the time varying-signal,
wherein

a period duration and the predetermined sequence match a corresponding period duration and predetermined sequence employed in generating the received signal.

17. (Previously presented) The receiver of claim 16, wherein:

the waveform generator produces a plurality of time-varying signals each having a different frequency during a period and each changing frequency from one period to a subsequent period in the predetermined sequence of frequencies, and

the coherent demodulator produces the channel estimate from the received signal and each of the time-varying signals.

18. (Previously presented) The receiver of claim 15, wherein

the predetermined sequence spans frequencies within the channel to directly provide a frequency domain channel estimate.

19. (Previously presented) The receiver of claim 15, wherein
the predetermined sequence is coordinated with a field sync within the received signal.
20. (Previously presented) The receiver of claim 15, wherein
the time varying frequency cycles through each of the frequencies within the predetermined sequence at a rate sufficient to permit multiple channel estimates for a single field of the received signal.
21. (Previously presented) The receiver of claim 15, including:
a channel estimate post-processor that is configured to:
smooth the channel estimate,
track time varying fades within the channel estimate, and
produce Doppler estimates for the channel estimate.
22. (Currently amended) A method of wireless communication, comprising:
adding one or more supplemental signals on a plurality of frequencies to a data signal within a monocarrier channel, the one or more supplemental signals each using a different frequency that changes during each of a plurality of periods ~~thereby resulting into~~ to result in a time-varying frequency, wherein the time-varying frequency for each supplemental signal changes from one period to a subsequent period in a predetermined sequence of frequencies within the channel; and
computing a frequency domain channel estimate for use in equalizing the channel during demodulation of the data signal based on the one or more supplemental signals.
23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, including
periodically changing a frequency for each supplemental signal in a
predetermined sequence spanning frequencies within the channel, to directly provide
a frequency domain channel estimate.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, including
coordinating the predetermined sequence with a field sync within the data
signal.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, including
sweeping each supplemental signal through each of the frequencies within the
predetermined sequence at a rate sufficient to permit multiple channel estimates for a
single field of the data signal.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, including
providing each of the supplemental signals with a power selected to avoid
interference with demodulation of the data signal without reference to the one or
more supplemental signals.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, including:
periodically changing a frequency for each supplemental signal in a
predetermined sequence of frequencies within the channel coordinated with a field
sync within the data signal; and
providing each of the supplemental signals with a power selected to avoid
interference with demodulation of the data signal without reference to the one or
more supplemental signals.

29. (Previously presented) A method for improved wireless communications, comprising:

producing a data signal;

producing a time-varying signal that changes frequency during each of a plurality of periods, wherein the frequency changes from one period to a subsequent period in a predetermined sequence of frequencies within a channel to be employed in transmitting the data, the time-varying signal being provided with a power selected to avoid interference with demodulation of the data signal without reference to the time-varying signal; and

producing a transmission signal from a sum of the data signal and the time-varying signal.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein

the predetermined sequence spans the channel to directly provide a frequency domain channel estimate.

31-32 (Canceled)

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein

the time varying signal cycles through each of the frequencies within the predetermined sequence at a rate sufficient to permit multiple channel estimates for a single field of the data signal.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein:

the predetermined sequence is coordinated with a field sync within the data signal.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein
the time-varying signal is one of a plurality of time-varying signals each having
a different frequency during a period and each changing frequency from one period
to a subsequent period in the predetermined sequence of frequencies.

36. (Previously presented) A method for improved wireless communications,
comprising:

- receiving a received signal that includes a data signal and a concurrently
transmitted equalization signal;

- generating a time-varying signal corresponding to the concurrently transmitted
equalization signal;

- producing a channel estimate from the received signal and the time-varying
signal, wherein the time-varying signal changes frequency during each of a plurality
of periods, wherein the frequency changes from one period to a subsequent period in
a predetermined sequence of frequencies within a channel on which the received
signal is received; and

- demodulating the data signal based on a channel equalization of the received
signal utilizing the channel estimate.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, including

- producing the time varying-signal with a period duration and the
predetermined sequence matching a corresponding period duration and
predetermined sequence employed in generating the received signal.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, including

- producing a plurality of time-varying signals each having a different frequency
during a period and each changing frequency from one period to a subsequent
period in the predetermined sequence of frequencies, wherein the channel estimate
is produced from the received signal and each of the time-varying signals.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the predetermined sequence spans frequencies within the channel to directly provide a frequency domain channel estimate.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the predetermined sequence is coordinated with a field sync within the received signal.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the time varying frequency cycles through all frequencies within the predetermined sequence at a rate sufficient to permit multiple channel estimates for a single field of the received signal.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, including:
smoothing the channel estimate,
tracking time varying fades within the channel estimate, and
producing Doppler estimates for the channel estimate.

43. (Previously presented) A method for using a wireless communication signal, comprising:
providing a data signal; and
summing at least one supplemental signal with the data signal, the at least one supplemental signal having a frequency that changes during each of a plurality of periods in a predetermined sequence of frequencies for a channel in which the wireless communication signal is transmitted, the at least one supplemental signal having a power sufficiently less than a power for the data signal to permit demodulation of the data signal without reference to the at least one supplemental signal.

44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43 wherein the predetermined sequence of frequencies spans the channel.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the at least one supplemental signal sweeps the predetermined sequence at a rate sufficient to permit multiple channel estimates based on the at least one supplemental signal within a single field of the data signal.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the at least one supplemental signal includes:

- a plurality of supplemental signals each having a different frequency during a given period and each changing frequencies in the predetermined sequence from one period to a subsequent period.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the wireless communications signal is a result of modulating the sum of the data signal and the at least one supplemental signal.

50. (Previously presented) A transmitter for improved wireless communications comprising:

- a symbol source producing a data signal;

- a waveform generator producing a time-varying signal that changes frequency during each of a plurality of periods, wherein the frequency changes from one period to a subsequent period in a predetermined sequence of frequencies within a channel to be employed in transmitting the data, the predetermined sequence being coordinated with a field sync within the data signal; and

- a modulator producing a transmission signal from a sum of the data signal and the time-varying signal.

51. (Previously presented) A method for improved wireless communications, comprising:

producing a data signal;

producing a time-varying signal that changes frequency during each of a plurality of periods, wherein

the frequency changes from one period to a subsequent period in a predetermined sequence of frequencies within a channel to be employed in transmitting the data, the predetermined sequence being coordinated with a field sync within the data signal; and

producing a transmission signal from a sum of the data signal and the time-varying signal.

52. (Previously presented) A method for using a wireless communication signal, comprising:

providing a data signal; and

summing at least one supplemental signal with the data signal, the at least one supplemental signal having a frequency that changes during each of a plurality of periods in a predetermined sequence of frequencies for a channel in which the wireless communication signal is transmitted, the predetermined sequence being coordinated with a field sync within the data signal.